POLICE INVADED **QUAKER CITY DENS**

Prominent Men and Women Captured in Sensational Raid in Philadelphia.

THE MAGISTRATES

Several Women, Fearing Anger of Husbands, Tried to Kill

Themselves.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., July 3.—Many and scenes were witnessed at the Central Police Station in the City Hall yesterday morning, following the wholesale terday morning, following the wholesale raids mane by the police and agents of the Law and Order Society on Saturday night, when they swooped down upon nearly 150 alleged disreputable houses, gambling dens and speak-easies, and caught in their dragnet 400 prisoners. The great iradority of these were women, many young and pretty, while not a few were, according to their own stories, married women, who realized keenly the terrible situation in which they were placed. A number proclaimed their entire innocence and indulged freely in tears and hysteries.

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During the greater part of the night and until noon yesterday four magistrates were busily engaged in taking evidence against the prisoners. The proprietors and proprietresses of houses complained of were held for court in every case, in ball ranging from \$700 to \$1,000. The majority of the immais were also held their prices. only ranging from \$00 to \$1,000. The majority of the inmates were also held, their ball being fixed in smaller sums, \$300 being the average, while the frequenters of the places were either held in like amounts or fined \$10 and costs, and alloweds to go. A few who were able to prove that they had not been frequenters of the resorts were permitted to go.

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In all 2:0 men and women were held for court. Only about twenty were able to obtain bail, and the rest were taken to motion of the court. Only about twenty were able to obtain bail, and the rest were taken to Moyamensing prison. The scope covered by the raids may be imagined when it is stated that practically all the territory from Diamond Street to Washington Avenue, and from the Schuylkill to the Delaware River was embraced. No less than twelve police districts were included—the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth. Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Ninetcenth.

The raids were remarkable in many ways. In size of the territory covered and the number of women and men taken nino custody, nothing like them has ever taken place in this city. The plans were carefully carried out, the directions being strictly obeyed, and the whole affair was kept so secret that there was absolutely no leak, Perhaps one of the most remarkable features of the raids was the fact that they were carried out by the very policemen who, under Director of Public Safety Smith, had reported that no such dens of vice existed on their beats, and who refused to aid the Law and Order Society in cleaning out these places.

Girl's of very tender years, gray-haired women, old in crime, and married women were discovered in the disreputable dens. Gamblers and speak-easy keepers were gainered in, and large quantities of iliquor stored for Sunday's trading were confiscated.

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Many of the prisoners presented pitiable speciacles. Several women became hysterical and others, during the raids, attempted to jump from windows. One woman nearly succeeded in throwing herself from a third-story window. Still others threw themselves on the floors, struck the boards with their heads and in heart-rending tones cried that their husbands would kill them if they discovered they were arrested. Retween 29 and 30 women who declared they were married were in this predicament. Others protested strongly their innocence of any wrong-doing, asserting that they had gone to the houses either to play a social game of cards or to see women friends.

taken to the Tweftth police district. Three of the women swoomed after valuity offering valuable jewelry to be released. Their companions had already offered what money they had in their possession and their gold watches and diamond studs. All the parties gave assumed names, but it was declared that their identity is known.

Many old-timers were arrested, among them being Johanna Dalmedo. 90 years old, of Tweffth and Thomnson Streets. Some time ago she pleaded guilty, and was fined \$200 and costs upon promising to give up business. She put up a "For Sale" sign, but it is contended that she did not quit business. She claimed to have a strong pull. Many boys not more than 16 years old were arrested, as well as girls apparently not more than 14 years old.

The affair, although so serious, had many humorous sides. For instance, an entire team of crickets, in their field togs, were cantured on Vine Street, near Tenth. They said they were from Bermuda. A South Eleventh Street woman protested against her arrest, and declared that the police were exceeding their duty, as she claimed to be the friend of a prominent Republican statesman.

lice Taylor had made every possible arrangement for the comfort of the women prisoners, and the most positive instructions were given by him to his subordinates in charge of the cell-room, but despite these, the women were treated like so many cattle. The women's tier of half a dozen cells were first filled to their utmost capacity, and then the police began filling up the narrow corridor outside until no less than 15 women were packed into this small space.

For 12 hours these unfortunates were obliged to stand in this corridor and in the cells. There was practically no ventilation, and the air was nausquis from vile odors. Police Sergent Frank Westphal provided three chairs for these 15 women. Some of the unfortunates sank upon the floor exhausted from the badar and the nervous strain. Others become hysterical. The sick ones were pulled from the corridor and restored in the turnkey's private offices and taken back to the crewded quarters. The more deprayed of the women smoked cigarettes, which had been smuggled in to them thus making the already vie air intolerable.

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Nearly all the women were under 30 years of age, but there were some whose hair was gray, and who were old enough to be grandmothers to the other prisoners. Superintendent Taylor had personally prevented the police from taking a number of these old women for the crowded quarters. One woman, 65 years old, had been taken from her bed by the raiders. She had been ill for a number of days, and was under the care of a physician. Dr. Fritz, a police surgeon, declared she would stand being locked up with the others. Superinteednt Taylor and Magistrate Elsenbrown retused to permit this, and ordered the woman released. She was allowed to return home.

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Even water to quench the thirst of the unfortunates was at a prem.um. For the 175 women water was doled out to them in one small tin cup. As the hours dragged on their sufferings became more acute. In utter despair some of the women who had friends outside begged for messages to be sent for them in order that ball might be entered or their fines be paid. Not for a long while were these messages allowed to be sent.

Even when the prisoners' friends arrived, the police made it impossible for any aid to be rendered the prisoners. Magistrate Elsenbrown left for Cape May. Magistrate Kochersperger, who arrived at the City Hall at 9 o'clock, refused to accept ball in any of Elsenbrown's cases, saying that the ball must be entered before that magistrate. Sergeant Westphal refused to permit copies of the charges against the prisoners to be given out by the turnkey. Nothing for the Prisoners to Eat.

No provision had been made for feeding the exhausted victims. Women, faint from hunger, now and then cried to their guardians: "For God's sake give us a cup of coffee!" One man in the electrical bureau, whose heart was touched by these plitful appeals, sent to a restaurant and bought 50 sandwiches, which the police permitted to be given out among the women prisoners.

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Later in the forenoon the police began removing the prisoners to Moyamensing Prison in the police vans. There had been hours of unnecessary delay, and the last batch of prisoners was not put in the vans until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. As the prisoners were led to the cell-room elevator, one of the women said to a sergeant:

sergeant:
"In God's name when are we going to got something to eat?" The sergeant didn't know.
Friends of the prisoners crowded around the gates of Moyan easing Prison, demanding copies of the charges. The authorities there refused to comply with the requests and advised the applicants to go to the City Hall and see the sergeant. They returned to the City Hall, but there was no relief to be had there.

DATE FOR PRIMARY

Henrico Committee Meets Saturday, also to Elect Judges.

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The Henrico County Democratic Committee will meet at the courthouse next saturday at noon for the purpose of electing judges for the primary and declaring the date for the same. Candidates will be assessed at this meeting. For the House of Delegates, Messrs. Charles M. Trockmorton and A. Von Rosenegk dre contesting, while for the scat in the upper branch, Judge T. Ashby Wickham and Mr. Thomas N. Gardner are waging a war.

Below is a list of the members of the committee, with the precincis they represent: Thomas C. Ruffin, chairman, Chestnut Hill: S. M. O'Bannan, secretary. Short Pump; L. P. Michaels, Ridge Church; Mark T. Thompson. Westhampton; E. L. Ryan, Shumaker; Thomas F. Bagley, Howard's Grove; E. S. Kellam, Hardin's Shop; C. A. Graves, Seven Pines; W. T. Warriner, Whitlocks; R. M. Pilcher, Carter's Store; M. Y. Sheppard, Hungury, and J. T. Angle.

Louis F. Myers, of Jones, and Joe Johnson, of Bruins, died since the last meeting of the committee.

The resignation of Mr. A. R. Holderby, Jr., as a judge from Shumaker precinct will be accepted at the meeting Saturday.

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All their protestations were in vain, however, and these women received considerably less symeathy than the younger ones who admitted their positions and philosophically became resigned to their fate. In a house on Oxford Street near Seventh four couples were found. They had been at a theatre and were in evening dress. The cries of the women were pitiful as their male friends pleaded for their release, declaring that they belonged to good families and had only called at the place because the hotels closed at 12 o'clock. With others they were loaded into a patrol wagen and taken to the Twelfth police district, Three of the women swooned after vainly offering valuable jewelry to be released. Their companions had already offered what money they had in their possession and their gold watches and dlamond studs. All the parties gave assumed names, but it was declared that their identity is known.

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TWO GAMES TO-DAY.

Morning Game Has Been Cancelled—Fighting for First Place.

There will be nagen of base-ball between teams of the Twin-City League at the was at liked of for a while has been cancelled. Instead there will be a game being content to the morning game that was talked of for a while has been cancelled. Instead there will be a game between the tronsides the Black Thorns, two negro teams. Manchester will be between the two leading teams, Barton High and the Brownles, This is expected to be one of the pretilest games of the Sarret Park this morning. Two games will be also the Twin-City League at the west that was talked of for a while has been cancelled. Instead there will be pitted against the Richmond aggregation at the f

Will Speak at New Store.

Congressman H. D. Flood was in the congressman H. D. Flood was in the city yesterday, but left in the evening for New Store, in Buchingham county, where he will make a Fourth of July address by invitation to-day. He will probably return to this city to-morrow.

Senator Martin Returns.

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Harsh Treatment at City Hall.

While the plans for the raid were exceeduly made, some of the incidents at the City Hall called forth the indignation of witnesses. Superintendent of Po-

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DESTROYER GOING TO SINK WARSHIP

MUTINOUS WARSHIP

Roumanian Officials Refuse to Give Provisions to Kniaz Potemkine.

(By Associated Press.)

BUCHAREST. July 2.—The Kniez

Petemkine left Kustenji this afternoon. It
is stated that she is returning to

Odessa.

The Russian torpedo boat No. 287, accompanying the Potemkine, attempted to enter the port of Kustenji to-day. The Roumanian cruiser Elisabetha fired on the torpedo boat, but failed to hit her. The torpedo boat then retired.

This incident followed the refusal of the crew of the Kninz Potemkine to accept the government's offer, made through the captain of the port, who positively announced that the mutineers would not be allowed to receive provisions unless they came ashore unarmed and delivered up the hattleship and torpedo boat to the captain of the port. If these conditions were fulfilled the mutineers would be given liberty to go where they pleased. The rebellious sailors conferred together, then refused the government's demand and renewed their demand for provisions. This was again positively denied by the captain of the port, where upon the Russian torpedo boat attempted to enter the port but on being fired upon by the Elizabetha and evidentity awed by the firm stand taken by the authorities, she decided to retire.

COLONEL RUSHED TO

Badly Wounded, Expired After Writing Letter to the Emperor.

As Mr. Epes Sees It.

Mr. Freeman Epea, of Nottoway, a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, was in the city yesterday, When asked as to the political outlook in the county he roplied: "I am for Swanson, but the county will go for Judge Mann, I believe. Senator Martin will carry Nottoway by a good majority for Senator, and I think he will also carry Amelia in the same way."

Mr. Epes stated that there were three candidates for the House in the district embracing the countles of Nottoway and Amelia, and all of them from Amelia, They are Mr. J. A. Sydnor, Mr. Charles Irvine and Mr. J. Winston Fowlkes, He expressed the opinion that Mr. Sydnor would would probably be the nominee.

Stole Money for Celebration. Stole Money for Celebration.

Isaac Lee, the butter, and Farly Baptist, the office boy, of Dr. M. C. Sycie, of No. 201 West Main Street, were arrested yesterday upon a charge of stealing money and jewelry from Dr. Sycie. They were caught by Detectives Tomilmson and Gibson. The neare boy had spont part of the money for fireworks for a celebration to-day. When agreeted he confessed to haven a stelength of the money for the money for the money for the money for the money and the watch, and told the officer where he had buried the treasures. A part of the money and the watch were recovered.

TOPEKA BANK

Failure Due to Too Extensive Loans to Charles J. Devlin, Millionaire Mine Owner.

CRASH HITS MANY PLACES

Liabilities of Bankrupt Estimated at \$2,500,000 to \$4,000,000.

(By Associated Press.)

The destroyer signalled the Cranley to The destroyer signalied the Cranley to accompany her inside the harbor. The Cranley compiled, the destroyer in the meanwhile keeping her guns trained on the steamer. Later Russian officials took possession of the Cranley and searched her for revolutionary refugees. The British consul-general protested to the Governor, saying there was no reason to suppose that any refugees were on board the Cranley. The officials, in the presence of the vice-consul, carefully inspected the vessel and found no trace of revolutionists, and the Russian officials apologized to the consul-general.

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Sixty-seven mutineers from the Georgi
Pobledonsetz were brought ashore and
imprisoned in the Citadel.

Mutiny on Cruiser.

(By Associated Press.)

CRONSTADT, July 3.—The crew of the Russian cruiser Minnie refused to put to sea to-day, with the other vessels of the active squadron alleging that the age and bad condition of the Minnie prevented her participation in gun practice and manouvreing. The ring-leaders of this mutiny were arrested and the Minnie was towed close to a fort, where she is now anchored.

RETURNING TO CITY

The Russian torpedo boat No. 267, ac

RESCUE OF CAPTAIN

(By Associated Press.)

KHERSON, GOVERNMENT OF KHERSON, July 2.—While the disciplinary battalions were being exercised upon the parade ground to-day, a number of soldiers attacked Captain Ggorodsky with bayonets. slightly wounding him. Colonel Davydoff, the battalion commander, drew his sword and rushed to the rescue of the captain. He caught hold of the bayonets of the mutineers and though himself desperately wounded, and with blood streaming from him, he shouted:

"Company, attention! musicians to the froul! hurrah!"

ne shouted: "Company attention! musicians to the front! hurrah!"
The colonel then led the battalion back to barracks. He wrote a letter to the Emperor and then expired, having received five bayonet wounds in the abdomen and lungs.
The murderers, numbering caped, but eventually caught.

As Mr. Epes Sees It.

CLOSES DOORS

Run on Banks.

TOPEKA, KAS., July 3.-No definite statement was obtainable to-day regard ing the condition of the First National Bank, controlled by Charles J. Devlin, wealthy coal mine owner, which closed its doors this morning. Col. W. H. Ros-sington, Vice-president of the bank locked the institution's books in the vanit to await the arrival of J. T. Bradley, National Bank Extended, whom the comptroller had appointed receiver of the falled bank, and the Colonel would only

"The bank's trouble has not been caused by dishonesty on the part of anyone, but by lending too largely to one borrower. There has been no stealing."

The borrower, it is said, is Mr. Devlin, and the bank is said to hold the capitalist's paper to the amount of \$1,000,000.

Mr. Devlin, whose sudden lilness brought about the tangle in the big coal mining and militared properties valued. It is about the tangle in the big coal mining and milroad properties valued, it is estimated at close to \$7,000,000, is still under the care of a physician, and no statement could be secured from him. All that came from his home during the day or could be secured from other sources was that the stricken coal operator had turned over to the bank nearly \$700,000 in life insurance and about the same amount in Topeka real estate. Business associates of Mr. Devilin gave it as their opinion that if properly handled

ness associates of Mr. Devlin gave it as their opinion that if properly handled this would allow the bank to pay.

Aside from the flurry that the failure of the First National Bank caused on the other banks of the city, the most interesting phase of the situation was the statement of State Treasurer T. T. Kelly that the bank held \$447,000 of the State funds, and the knowledge that Mr. Devlin was one of Treasurer Kelly's bondsmen.

Following the announcement of failure a lively but not disastrous run was started on the Central National Bank started on the Central National Bank. Other, runs of a lesser degree were started on the State Savings Bank, the Bank of Topeka and on the Merchants National Sank. At none of these banks, however, was the demand for withdrawals great.

Devilin was generally credited as being one of the wealthiest men in Kansas City. He was at the head of twenty-six different companies, coal mining enterprises and mercantile establishments, and owned stock in twenty-five banks,

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The First National has a capital of \$200,000 and owes depositors a million and a half.

PICKETT CAMP.

Officers Are Chosen and Prepa

rations Completed for Outing. A meeting of the George E. Picket Camp, Confederate Veterans, was held last night at their headquarters, No. 30' last night at their headquarters, No. 307 North Seventh Street, for the purpose of electing and installing officers and making preparations for their annual outing today. The camp was called to order at 8:00 P. M. sharp by Commander J. E. Sullivan, and after a short prayer by Rev. W. E. Talley exercises were commenced. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved, after ing were then read and approved, after which some small local matters receive attention from a committee appointed therefor. About 'twenty-nine or thirty therefor. About 'twenty-nine or thirty members were present and apparently in excellent humor. Several amendments to the by-laws were proposed, but were referred to the next meeting. It was decided that the camp so to Westhampton to-day to recreate and to commemorate the anniversary of the nation's independence. The members of the camp will, of course, go in groups, the first party leaving at 1:30 in the afternoon. Refreshments and speaking, both ex tempore and formal, will be the order of the day. Comrade Storrs will deliver an address. A committee of arrangements will deress. dress. A committee of arrangements wil

dress. A committee of arrangements will get everything ready at the park by 11 A. M. The camp expects to return by 8 or 9 P. M.

The elections were as follows: Commander, J. E. Sullivan; first lieutenant commander, J. T. Hay; third lieutenant commander, J. T. Hay; third lieutenant commander, W. M. Cary; adjutant, R. N. Northen; quartermaster, J. B. Angle; commissary, C. Zimmer; trensurer, C. Loehr; chaplain, O. J. Chapman; surgeon, J. A. Hillsman; officer of the day, R. D. Brown; officer of the guard, B. F. geon, J. A. Huisman; onicer of the day, R. D. Brown; officer of the guard, B. F. Eckles; color bearer. R. H. Smith; quar-termaster-sergeant, G. C. Cornick. Nearly all of the newly made officers made speeches, thanking the assembly for the honor conferred upon them. At 10 o'clock the meeting adjourned.

BUILDING RAILWAYS.

Texas Leads All the States in Mileage Constructed.

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According to figures to be printed by the Railway Age the laying of track on new rail lines for the first half of 1965 aggregated only 1,2M miles, the lowest record for the first six months of any year since 1898, when the figures were 1,181 miles for the first half of the year. In the total mileage but 2,37 miles were laid in Virginia and 4,50 in West Virginia. Toxas leads all the States in mileage under construction with 123 miles. North Dakota is second with 98.1 miles; Oregon comes next with 92, and Alabama next with 71 miles. North Carolina and Indian Territory rank next with 85 miles. Among the important lines on which grading is being pushed is the Tidewater Railroad of Virginia, of which 100 miles are under contract. The Rock Island is grading 107 miles in New Mexico.

The figures on construction of railway in Virginia evidenity do not include double-tracking, for the Chesapeake and

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Ohio alone has done more than 3 miles, At the present ratio of railroad construction in the entire country about 3,500 miles will be laid during 1995, and as a matter of fact, the construction is expected to large exceed those figures.

FOR UNCLE SAM.

Receipts of Postoffice Steadily and Largely Increasing.

Receipts at the Richmond postoffice fo Receipts at the Richmond postoffice for the month of June, 1905 were \$34,247.33, compared with \$29,731.23 for the month of June, 1904, an increase for the month just closed of \$4,515,10, or about, 15 per cent. For the quarter ended June 30, 1905, the receipts from the sales of stamps and stamped paper were \$105,098.50, com-pared with \$93,136.61, an increase for the 1905 quarter of \$12,471.80, or about 14 per cent.

Collections for the sale of stamps and

Collections for the sale of stamps and stamped paper for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1905, amounted to \$405,302,36, compared with \$375,180,303 an increase of \$31,742,43 for the year. This increase has been steady and unprecedented in recent years.

Besides the handling of all the money involved in the above figures, all the rural carriers in the State are paid through the Richmond office. The pay roll for June of the 732 rural carriers amounted to \$41,922.70, and the total pay roll, including office employes, to about roll, including office employes, to about \$55,000. The pay roll for rural carriers during the fiscal years just closed aggregated more than \$40,000.

TROUBLE FOR HIM.

Three Serious Charges Preferred Against Violent Young Man.

Sidney Pocklington, a young white man, Station last night, and three charges

Station last night, and three charges lodged against him.

In one warrant he is charged with assaulting Alex. Myers and another charges him with treepassing upon the property of and cursing and abusing Mrs. R. M. Page.

Officer C. H. Hughes went to arrest the man and had lots of trouble with him before getting him to the station. At the station a third charge that of threatening the life of the officer, was lodged against the man.

After he was placed in the cell he raised a disturbance for more than an hour and abused every officer in the station.

TOBACCO ASSOCIATION.

Meets at Old Point To-day-A Large Crowd Will Attend.

convenes in its annual meeting to-day at Old Point.

A large crowd of tobacco dealers and manufacturers from all sections of the tobacco growing belt will be in attendance. Among those who will go from Richmond this morning are: Yunna Payshi, J. N. Gorman, W. L. Hazcil, C. D. Larus, John L. Wingo, T. M. Carrington, W. G. Neal, L. B. Vaughan, F. B. Stott. Dalter Morton, T. J. Noble, Join: C. Hagan, R. T. Arrington, Silas Shelourne and W. T. Hancock.

A report will be made by the president of the association, Mr. T. M. Carrington, after which the reports of standing committees will be read, To-morrow the election of officers for the ensuing teria will be held. Among the questions that will come up for discussion is whether a protest should made against the import tax levied in England on strips.

PREACH AT ST. PAUL'S.

Rev. W. Dudley Powers, a Richmond Boy, Invited to Supply.

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Rev. W. Dudley Powers, pastor of St.
Paul's Church, in Filmt, Mich., will supply the pulpit at St. Paul's Church-during
July.

Mr. Powers is a nephew of Bishop
Dudley, and was for years general secretary for the American Church Missionary
Society. He is a Virginian, having been
born and brought up in Richmond. He is
well known in church circles, and is a
popular young preacher. At present Mr.
Powers is summering in the Virginia
mountains, whence he will come each
week to hold services at St. Paul's.

Officers of Book Binders.

At a meeting Saturday night of the local union, No. 92, International Brotherhood of Book Binders, officers were installed: They are: President, William E. Gary; Vice-President, J. Claude Ralston; Recording Secretary, S. V. Gregory; Financial Secretary, H. E. Atkinson; Statistician, W. E. Bailey; Inspector and Guide, William Childress. Guide, William Childress,
Messrs. J. C. Raiston, William E.
Bailey, H. E. Aikinson, Joseph Portch
and W. C. Harman were appointed delegates to the Central Trades and Labor
Council.

Thrown Under Wagon Wheels. A colored boy named Jackson narrowly escaped a fatal accident yesterday. He was driving a cart, when the horse be-came frightened and ran away. The boy was pitched from the wagon and fell under the wheels, which passed over his body. He was seriously injured. Dr. Pitt said last night that he couldn't tell then whether there were any internal injuries.

Pocket Searchlight. Every officer of the Police Department was yesterday provided with a pocket searchlight. The Police Board made this searchlight. The Police Board made this recommendation some time ago, and yesterday afternoon Major Werner sent to each station the necessary supply of lamps for the men.

The searchlights are handy and will assist an officer in many ways, especially in locating the numbers on streets.

Held for Car Robbery.

William Lightfoot, a negro, formerly a convict, was arrested last night by Sergeant Kerse and lodged in the First Police Station. He was yesterday indicted by the grand jury for compilety in the robbery of two cars on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad some months ago. This robbery resulted in the arrest of a white man, who was a merchant, and who is alleged to have handled the stolen goods. Lightfoot is well known to the police.

Struck a Terrible Blow. A colored man named Anderson John-son, of No. 1008 North Second Street, was struck in the head by another negro, Terry Mitchell, and knocked unconscious.

that concussion of the brain may result.

Bids for Ashland School. Bids will be received this week for the erection of the new public school building in Ashland, Va. Messrs. D. D. Cox. G. F. Delarue and J. M. Stone, the committee appointed to arrange for the erection of the building, have announced that bids will be received up to 5 P. M., July 10th.

Qualification. In the Chancery Court yesterday Eliza Finke qualified as executrix of the estate of the late William Finke, amounting to about \$12,000.

Will Fish in Deep Water. Judge S. B. Witt, Judge John H. Ingram, Colonel B. O. James. Sheriff John E. Epps and Mr. George E. Gary left yester-day afternoon for Old Point, where they will take a tug and fish in deep water for a week.

Failed of Quorum.

The Common Council failed of a quorum last night. A resolution was adopted cailing the body in special session on Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

The Committee on Cemeteries, scheduled to meet at 6 o'clock, also failed of a quorum.

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modern improvements. Remarkable health record; only one death among pupils in 23 years. Close personal attention to the health and social development of every pupil. High standard of scholarship. All pupils dress alike on all public occasions. CHARGES VERY LOW 24th Annual Session will begin Sept. 13th, 1905. For catalogue

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THE COAL COMBINE HAS BEEN BROKEN

address,

One of Larger Dealers Lost Big Billy Clifford and His Chorus Order As Result of Cut and Dissolved Agreement.

The price of anthracite coal has been reduced by the dealers of this city to 88 per ton for July delivery. During June some of the dealers, if not all, were quoting it at \$6.50 per ton. A representa-tive of The Times-Dispatch yesterday asked representatives of two iirins whether the coal combine had been dis-solved, and if not, what was the explana-tion of the reduction in the price to consumers. Both gentlemen denied that there had been an combine, but admitted that nost of the coal dealers of the city had

most of the coal dealers of the city had agreed not to cut price, lest by doing so the price be reduced to such an extent as to destroy all profit.

One of the gentlemen in question admited this concert of action, and the other gave way the real reason of the drop and at the same time practically established the fact that there had been a combination to maintain the price at such a figure that a fair profit might be had.

He stated that recently one of the largest, probable the largest, dealer in the city had lost a big order for coal by reason of the fact that another firm which was a party to the agreement had undercut him and gotten the order. Incensed at this action, he served notice that he was going to "sell coal for fun" hereafter, meaning that he was going to meet competition.

A representative of one of the dealers stated further that they were paying \$5.00 per long ton for July deliveries of coal; that they would have to pay \$5.80 for August shipments, and \$5.00 for September shipments. Their profit when selling to consumers at \$6 per ton, and the difference between a short and a long ton. Next month, if the selling price be maintained, their profit will be but 20 cents per ton, and in September but 10 cents per ton.

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It would seem from these statements that the coal combine, agreement or whatever it may be termed has been dissolved, and that undercutting was the cause of the dissolution. Hard as it may be on the dealer, the consumers are the beneficiaries, and it may be that a still further reduction will ensue.

PRETTY SHOP GIRL COMMITS SUICIDE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., July 3.—Carrie Noble, a pretty nineteen-year-old shop girl, committed sui-ide to-day at her home, No. 3021 Washington Avenue, by drinking two ounces of laudanum. The girl was an orphan and lived with the family of her sister, Mrs. Sallie Warbur-ton.

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A quarrel with her lover, said to have taken place this morning, is understood to have been the cause.

To-day at noon she sent one of her little nieces to a drug store and got two ounces of laudanum. She drack the polson at a swallow, and then told her sister what she had done. Dr. W. P. Cooper was summoned, but when he arrived the poor girl was unconsclus, and all efforts to save her life were in vain. She died at 4:30 clock. Dr. B. R. Gary, the coroner, is investigating the case. An inquest will probably be held to-morrow.

Killed Seven Negro Women.

(By Associated Press.)

AMERICUS, GA., July 3.—The wholesale shooting and killing of seven negro women here at the hands of Warren Hicks, a black desperado, yesterday, still creates the greatest excitement in the neighborhood of the tragedy. The county is appalled at the horrible deed. Hicks was chased ten hours by officers, but is still at large.

Personals and Briefs.

Mass Rosa Trant has returned to the city after a long stay North, and will have visiting her Miss Trant, of Portsmouth.

Mrs. Louise J. Bendall, of No. 17 South
Cherry Street, left Sunday for Jacksonville, Fla., on an extended visit to her
daughter, Mrs. W. W. Hutcherson.

KEEP TEACHERS OUT OF POLITICS PRESIDENT HAS LET

Should Not Have to Cringe to Get Positions, President of

Educators Says. (By Associated Press.)
ASBURY PARK, N. J., July 3.—The
forty-fourth convention of the National
Educational Association assembled here to-day for a session extending over five

days. The teachers were welcomed to-night

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The teachers were welcomed to-night by Governor Stokes and President William H. Maxwell delivered his annual address. Mr. Maxwell said in part:

"To secure training for efficiency, the conditions of teaching must be such that each teacher shall be able to do his best work. By common consent one of these conditions is that teachers shall not be subjected to the ignominy of seeking political or other influence, or cringing for the favor of any man, in order to secure appointment or promotion. During the past year, two events have occurred which seem to be full of promise for the establishment of this condition. The public school teachers of Philadelphia have been freed from the bondage to ward politicians, in which they were held for well nigh a century; and the one-man power beneficent as such a system proved under a Draper and a Jones in Cleveland, has been supplanted by an apparently more rational system. Independence of thought and freedom of initiative are necessary to the teachers of a nation whose stability and welfare as a republic depend upon the independence, the intelligence, and the free initiative of its citizens. Independence of thought and freedom or initiative may be throttled by bad news, but under the best of laws they will be maintained only by the teachers for hought and freedom or initiative may be throttled by bad news, but under the best of laws they will be maintained only by the teachers of the mantained only by the teachers of the most essential conditions of education for efficiency,

THE BILL AT CASINO PLEASES BIG CROWD

Girls Are Warmly Welcomed.

Billy Clifford need not have explained to the big audience at the Casino last night that there was no plot to "A High Born Lady," the place in which he and his company appeared, There wasn't any plot, and nobody wanted one. There was, however, plenty of musio, a good deal of dancing, some sixteen or more show girls, all very much alive, and the inimitable Billy himself, who received more encores than he ever did in "How He Won Her."

Clifford in this performance is at his best, and in his "single turn," he would be a big feature act in any vaudeville bill. It is in getting next to his audience, without the aid of any one else, that Clifford in the deal of any one else, that Clifford in the deal of any one else, that Clifford in the aid of any one else, that Clifford in the case of the ca

without the aid of any one else, that Clifwithout the aid of any one else, that Ciliford is most at home. It isn't so much what he says, as the way he says it. In his imitation of the real negro sons, with hand-clapping and patting the foot accompaniment, he had orchestra and gallery beating time with him, until the building almost shook.

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Some of the chorus numbers were expecially good, among them being "Make a Fuss Over Me," "That's What the Brass Band Played" and "Joshua." Lillian Goldsmith, in her comic solo, and her dancing turn, was well received, and Pinard and Walters, a musical team, contributed a number that was much enjoyed.

The production is easily the heat offering

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The production is easly the best offering the Casino has had this summer, with the exception of the performance of Little Chip and Mary Marble, and the others in that organization of Richmond favorlies.

There will be a special matinee to-day

RUMORED THAT POPE WILL LEAVE VATIGAN

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, July 3.-6:15 P. M.—The heet is growing more intense and renenced 163 in the shade to-day. The Pope is reported to be suffering from his seclusion in the Vattenn, the atmosphere in the gardens being too hot for him to make use of them.

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It is persistently rumored that unless the weather becomes cooler, the Pont man determined to break the prison legend, and it is even asserted that the government is preparing to send a small garrison to Castel Gandolfo for the maintenance of order and to render honors to the Pope during his sojourn there. Many cases of death from sunstroke have occurred among persons working in the hay fields.

SONS OF VETERANS. Commander in Chief Announces His Official Staff.

(By Associated Press.)
MONTGOMERY, ALA., July 3.—T. M.
Owens, commander-in-chief of the United
Sons of Confederate Veterans, to-day announced the principal members of his official staff and chairmen of standing and
other compiless as follows:

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Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff, W.
T. Shechan, Montgomery. Inspector-General, George W. Wymann Inspector-deseral, George W. Wymann, Louisvillo, Ky,
Commissary-General Leroy S. Boyd,
Washington, D. C.
Judge Advocate-General, Leroy S. Boyd,
Washington, D. C.
Surgeon-General, C. Hamilton, Rome,
Ga

Chaplain-General, Rev. John W. Cald-

well, New Orleans.
Chairmen of committees:
Relief—Thomas P. Stone, Waco, Tex.
Monument—Richard B. Haughton, St.
Louis, Mo.
Finance—D. C. Bell, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Joint Committee on Co-operation between Veterans and Sons of Veterans—W. E. Daniel, Varco City Miss.

W. E. Daniel, Yazoo City, Miss Constitutional Revision—W. McL. Fays-seux, New Orleans, La. Permanent Archives—Edwin P. Cox, Richmond, Va.

COUNTERFEITERS OFF

WASHINGTON, July 3.-The President has commuted the sentences of William L. Kendig and William M. Jacobs, who were sentenced in 1900 to be imprisoned for twelve years in the Eastern penitentor twelve years in the Eastern pentientiary at Philadelphia and to pay a fine of 15,000 for counterfeiting. The men were later transferred to the pentientary in Atlanta. The sentences were commuted to expire immediately. The President's action was taken on the ground that the sentences were excessive. Kendig and Jacobs were the principals in one of the most notorious counterfeiting cases with which the officials here have had to deal.

Two Firemen Killed. (By Associated Press.)
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., July 2.—Fire in the wholesale district on Morris Street, near Twenty-first Street, to-day resulted in the death of two firemen, G. B. Spruell and F. Huffman; the injury of four others and the destruction of property valued at more than \$100,000.

SPECIAL NOTICE 3 Fast Excursion Trains July4th

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To Norfolk and the seaside. \$1.00 round trip. Twelve hours at the seaside. Passengers can stay at Ocean View until 9 P. M.